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Fulbright Declares Johnson Can Become 'Great' President

**Extols Leadership Qualities
and Describes Texan as
Consummate Politician**

WASHINGTON, Nov. 30 (AP) — Senator J. W. Fulbright pictured Lyndon B. Johnson today as a consummate politician with a better than even chance of becoming a great President because of his leadership experience in the Senate.

The Arkansas Democrat, chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee and a long-time associate of Mr. Johnson in the House and Senate, said only time would tell how the President makes out.

In a radio interview carried by the Voice of America, Mr. Fulbright said of Mr. Johnson's record in the Senate:

"He was one of the greatest political animals I have ever seen, in the best sense of that word. He had an instinct for politics.

"He used to call me at 7 in the morning, or 11 at night. It didn't make any difference when, he was utterly ruthless in his job of making the Senate run.

"I have great admiration for him in this sense. I think he was one of the greatest Senate leaders that I have ever seen.

"I think there is a much better than average chance that he will be a great President. Because I think he knows how to organize, he knows how to get people to work for him, he knows how to arouse their exertions, their own dedication to his purposes.

"And I think this is a great secret to the job he has. I don't think he will make the mistake of some Presidents of trying to do everything for himself.

"This man comes to this job with more experience in the field, the relevant field, than



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anyone I can think of in modern history."

Mr. Fulbright also stressed that the President "understands the Senate and how to make it responsive to his policies better than President Kennedy did."